

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 shows an embodiment of the invention which comprises a base material subdivided in a non-impregnated core zone and an outer zone impregnated with water soluble substance.

Figure 2 shows the distribution of the microorganism layer in an invention embodiment and a control.